

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

October 10, 2023

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (RROF)

On or about October 31, 2023 the Hopi Tribe will authorize the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority to submit a request to HUD for the release of Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), as amended, to undertake a project known as Kykotsmovi Village Multi-Purpose Building for the purpose of demolition of existing building, removal, and cleanup of area. Ground disturbance will then take place for grading and prepping for the pour of the new foundation and parking lot. A new build, of a multi-purpose building will then take place. The current location, located in the Village of Kykotsmovi, has infrastructure, all will remain the same except water and sewer. New sewer and water lines will be installed from the southside of the project location and tied into existing off-site service lines. The newly built multipurpose building will be used by low-income residents for office space, hosting of events and activities for youth and elderly.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

The Hopi Tribe has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Hopi Tribal Housing Authority, Hwy. 264 Mile Post 389.8 in Polacca, Arizona and may be examined or copied Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. MST.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Stanley Pahe, Executive Director, Hopi Tribal Housing Authority, PO Box 906, Hwy. 264 Mile Post 389.8, Polacca, Arizona, 86042. Or via email at spahe@htha.org. All comments received by October 30, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m., will be considered by the Hopi Tribe prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Hopi Tribe certifies to HUD that Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma in his capacity as Tribal Chairman consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Hopi Tribe's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Hopi Tribe; (b) the Hopi Tribe has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Southwest Office of Native American Programs at email Leticia.Rodriguez@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman of the Hopi Tribe